



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: The  
First, Second, And  
Third Tuesday of each  
month

Regular Meeting  
County Courthouse,  
Bridgeport, CA 93517

March 2, 2010

Flash Drive	1006
Minute Orders	M10-27 to M10-34
Resolutions	R10-09 to R10-10
Ordinance	Ord10-01 (not used)

9:05 AM Call meeting to Order by Vice-Chair Hazard

Pledge of Allegiance led by Sr. Deputy Clerk Shannon Kendall

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

**Steve Noble:**

- Business owner, Bridgeport RPAC member, Mono County citizen, etc. He's coming here in all those capacities.
- He is opposed to having the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of each month in Mammoth.
- He feels Bridgeport is the Supervisor's Chambers in the County Seat and this is where all meetings should be held.
- The Chambers hold a special significance; we need to strengthen the county seat, not diminish it.

**Benny Romero:**

- He agrees with Steve Noble. He feels he's done a lot of work bringing people into the community; moving things to Mammoth isn't going to help Bridgeport at all.
- Feels the duplication of offices is a mistake and causes problems.
- As separate issue which he's brought to Kelly Garcia's attention before, we need a centralized microphone system for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Supervisor Farnetti:**

- It's a concern of citizens that holding one meeting a month in Mammoth is taking away from the Bridgeport community. It's a legitimate concern.
- This was approved initially as a pilot project. May need to be looked at again.

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- Would like this agenda item and not dealt with under public comments section.
- She thinks discussion should wait until District 4 Supervisor position is filled.
- Will go on for an April meeting.

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- State law does not require a board of supervisors to hold any number of regular meetings per month. Right now, the County Code provides for three regular meetings per month (unless a meeting is cancelled), but that can be changed by the board.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- Potential 25th Assembly District candidates have contacted her wanting to come over to Mono County and meet residents.
- YARTS short range transit plan going out to bid; there is a new bus at YARTS.
- Spent last week getting ready to go to Washington, D.C. where she will bring several Mono County issues to light. Transportation will be shut down in Washington D.C. this weekend.
- Attended Town/County liaison meeting on 2/18; went over cemetery issues, state budget impacts, SRO funding, etc. not much discussion re: solid waste.
- NAACO Meeting to be held March 6, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Supervisor Farnetti:**

- 2/18/10 attended Bridgeport RPAC Meeting; MWTC talked about the training challenge on 5/22. Tony Dublino gave an update; Kelly Garcia gave Bryant Field updates; the economy was talked about in addition to the possibility of standardizing “for sale” signs. Overall, there’s very little economic activity in Bridgeport during the winter; the Chamber of Commerce needs to work with the community in being more active. With all the restaurants closed it does not encourage visitors during the winter. RPAC is a very active group that cares about the community.
- He and his wife flew to Portland on Horizon Air – great trip up; flew back on Saturday, landed in San Jose and picked up 35 people to go to Mammoth, couldn’t land due to weather and ended up at LAX.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- The Town has decided to do the fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- As far as Bridgeport economy/community, it’s important locals know county is being active in encouraging winter visitors, etc.
- Tribal MOU, county working with them to encourage winter activities, year long activities.
- 2/19/10 had a meeting/interview with MC Grand Jury in reference to flood channel in Tri Valley area. What is/is not being done? Report will be out in June.
- 2/22/10 Benton RPAC. During public comment, had three candidates for office there: Rick Scholl, Randy Gephart and Mark Magit. Kirk Vander Weide, 25<sup>th</sup> Assembly District candidate to introduce himself at 3/16 meeting.
- 2/22/10 met with negotiating team and tribe; still working through issues.
- 2/26/10 met with planning staff and architect re: downtown business corridor in Crowley Lake. A large percentage of the landing road has been committed to projects but he’s not sure the community knows what those projects are planned to look like.
- Michael Ort from Praxis has been in contact: Digital 395 has been denied

funding; applicant had not dealt with long term financing; a letter needs to go out and a discussion needs to happen ASAP. Will focus on gathering our board support.

- Draft Bicycle Ordinance – Lower Rock Creek Road has been the subject of years of problems with bicycle racing events. An ordinance is in the works that will limit the number of people allowed on the road at one time. He feels this is going to extend into other communities and wanted the other Supervisors to be aware of that.

**Dave Wilbrecht:**

- The Digital 395 letter of support could be included as an urgency item today.

**Supervisor Hunt: Absent.**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

1)

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments (David Wilbrecht)  
Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities.

**David Wilbrecht:**

- Budget task force has been assembled. Mid-year budget review coming up on 3/16/10.
- He attended the Town/county liaison meeting and tribal negotiations meeting.
- Mr. Fesko is here today re: use of Auchoberry Pit for ATV event, does it need to come to board or how can it be handled?
- Need to capture what was done last time and repeat steps.

**Tim Fesko:**

- The event would be run by the Sheriff's Dept. but it would be done in conjunction with the ATV folks.

2)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**M10-27**

A. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held February 9, 2010.  
Farnetti/Bauer 3-0

Break: 9:51 a.m.

Reconvened: 10:03 a.m.

Break: 11:00 a.m.

Reconvened: 11:10 a.m.

Adjourned: 11:44 a.m.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES**  
(PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES EACH)

**Sheriff Scholl:**

- Got notice over weekend that jail roof had 5 new leaks; the Sheriff gave Public Works cudos - with the neverending project this has been, they have been extremely accommodating, etc.

**Kelly Garcia:**

- Re: Jail roof leak. Contacted contractor; work product is at no cost, they have

warranties in place; will be performing a flood test which should bring additional flood issues to light.

**Clay Neely:**

- Finishing upgrade on videoconferencing in town/county conference room.
- New ScanDisk technology: makes data independent of the servers themselves; with virtualized servers several servers can be set up at once; they won't need to replace them since they are virtualizing; it will be a huge savings. They will also be able to create a virtual backup site.

**Mary Booher:**

- A Community Development Block Grant was awarded to Geothermal; Geo staff wants to bid on project; working with Dan Lyster.
- Good news: another teacher in Benton will be moving into second Benton rental house in a few weeks.

**Evan Nikirk:**

- They have hired a replacement for Gary Smith; position will be a journey level carpenter. (Evan handed out a new organizational chart.)

**Scott Burns:**

- Parcel map in North County: petition being worked on regarding the sage grouse.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

**SHERIFF CORONER**

- 3a) 2010-2011 Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant Program Participation -The Mono County Sheriff's Department has operated a winter Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program for more than 10 years. The OHV Program has provided monies for over-the-snow vehicles, trailers and a tow vehicle. The grant covers equipment purchases, maintenance and salary costs to conduct enforcement and safety patrols in Mono County. The proposed grant program for 2010-2011 will expand the OHV Program to include year-round safety and enforcement patrols with the use of two all-terrain utility vehicles.

**R10-09**  
**M10-28** **Action:** 1) Authorize the participation in the 2010-2011 Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program by adoption of Resolution R10-09 approving the same. 2) Name Sheriff Richard C. Scholl as the authorized representative of the Mono County Sheriff's Department and Sergeant Jeff Beard as the Grant Administrator for the Mono County Sheriff's Department.  
Farnetti/Bauer 3-0

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

- 4a) Appointments to County Service Area #1 Board of Directors - At the request of CSA #1 Board of Directors, make two appointments to fill vacancies on the board created by recent resignations.

**M10-29 Action:** Appoint John Connolly and Ron Glende to fill the vacancies on the CSA #1 Board of Directors created by the resignations of Ted Cortopassi and Judy King.  
Farnetti/Bauer 3-0

## REGULAR AGENDA

### CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

All items listed are available for review and are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board

### CLERK-RECORDER

- 5a) Letter from Charlie Riley - Recognizing the outstanding service provided by Jeanie Nelson, who works at the animal shelter.

- 5b) Letter from Greg Norby - Regarding financial support for the Inyo-Mono Integrated Water Management Plan (IRWMP) Development.

- 5c) Bodie Hills Coordinated Resource Management Planning - Letter from Bureau of Land Management mailed to Mono County Board of Supervisors notifying interested parties about an informational meeting to be held on Monday, March 15, 2010, to present the Final Report for the Bodie Hills Conservation Action Planning effort.

#### **Bernadette Lavato: new BLM manager**

- Invitation to supervisors, etc. for 3/15/10 meeting.
- Are anxiously awaiting the notice on sage grouse as well.
- Resource issue: related to Sierra Nevada Big Horn Sheep which will impact grazing decisions.
- Listed current BLM activities.

- 5d) U.S. Department of the Interior - Letter from Robert Williams, State Supervisor, responding to the Board's request that the Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office inform Mono County of any actions taken by the agency that may occur in the County.

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***The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.***

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- 6a) Amended APSA Grant Agreement (Louis Molina, Environmental Health Director) - Proposed Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act Program

Grant Agreement (Amended 2/2010) Between the California Environmental Protection Agency and Mono County Certified Unified Program Agency.

**PULLED**      **Action: ITEM PULLED FROM AGENDA.**

#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

7a)      Resolution to support "GET CONNECTED" (Clay Neely) - Proposed resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors declaring its support for the "GET CONNECTED" public awareness program, and directing all Mono County Departments to take certain actions related to the deployment and use of broadband internet access.

**R10-10**      **Action:** Adopt Resolution R10-10. Provide any desired direction to staff. Bauer/Farnetti 3-0

**Clay Neely:**

- This program is to be rolled out one region at a time.
- They are requesting a resolution in support of their participation in the program.

#### COUNTY COUNSEL

8a)      Walker River Basin (Stacey Simon) - Update on Walker River Basin lease and acquisition programs.

**Action:** None.

**Stacey Simon:**

- No new information; she has not been to any public meetings since last update.
- The State has been contacted by the Walker River Paiute tribe regarding a reopening of discussions regarding the interstate allocation of the waters of the Walker River Basin
- State of California representatives have only met once with representatives from the tribe to see what they are interested in; there will most likely be further discussions in the future.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

**Additional Departments:** County Counsel

9a)      Road Vacation Processing Policy Workshop (Garrett Higerd ) - Conduct workshop and receive staff report regarding road vacation processing policies and procedures. Provide any desired direction to staff.

**M10-30**      **Action:** Delegate authority to the Public Works Director, or his designee, to deny applications for vacation without Board review where:  
(1) They do not contain the requisite number of signatures to trigger a mandatory obligation to initiate proceedings (i.e., set a hearing and

publish and post notice); and, (2) Staff determines that the interest proposed to be vacated is necessary for present or prospective use and/or the vacation would not provide a public benefit. Including conversations with board members; include local supervisor in the internal discussion.

Bauer/Farnetti 3-0

**Garrett Higerd:**

- He's here to talk about road vacation again and how Public Works processes them.
- He included an exhibit in agenda packet that is a draft application and information sheet; Public Works department would like to use this tool to educate applicants.
- He's here to make sure the Board is comfortable with several of the points made in the packet, etc.
- Role of Public Works when someone brings the application in.
- Would like the Board to weigh in on idea of having a petition with requisite signatures, etc.

**Board Comments:**

- New application is a vast improvement from ones in the past.
- No reason to do a summary vacation; no problems are hit until we do the public noticing.
- What's current timeline on this? Are we able to do it easily now or will we still experience the prior time lag?
- Supervisor Bauer has to feel comfortable with this; most issues occur in June Lake. Other board members defer to her on this.
- This process is put in place for those we would deny?
- Problem is with the ones that will go to the Board anyway.
- A public process will still be gone through; make sure if an internal debate happens the Board is involved.
- Takes a lot of staff time that is not recouped.

**Stacey Simon:**

- There is no legal obligation to take these at all: we have created an obligation to answer but there is no petition right at all for summary of vacation (no legal right).

9b)

Authorization to Bid for the Swall Meadows Road Rehabilitation Project (Garrett Higerd) - Receive staff report regarding the proposed Swall Meadows Road Rehabilitation Project. Consider and potentially approve plans and specifications and authorize Public Works to issue the project for bid. Provide any desired direction to staff.

**M10-31**

**Action:** Approve bid package, including the project manual and project plans, for the Swall Meadows Road Rehabilitation Project. Authorize the Public Works Director to advertise an Invitation for Bids and to issue the project for bid.

Farnetti/Bauer 3-0

**Garrett Higerd:**

- Expects project to cost approximately \$40,000.
- Clarify that this is for an existing road, not a fire road.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

### **Additional Departments:** Social Services, Sheriff

- 10a) Human Resources Job Description Approvals (Mary Booher or Rita Sherman) - Presentation by Mary Booher or Rita Sherman regarding updated job descriptions.

**M10-32** **Action:** Approve the attached job descriptions for Social Services Director, Loss Prevention Specialist I and II, and Public Safety Officer I. Farnetti/Bauer 3-0

#### **Mary Booher:**

- Asking for Board approval to update job descriptions.
- Would like direction on how to proceed on future approvals and updates.
- If task is delegated to staff a resolution should come to the Board.

Job Descriptions to be approved:

Social Services Director: has been reviewed by Ed Zylman and Dave Wilbrecht who feel it is accurate.

Loss Prevention Specialist I and II – final approval needed.

Public Safety Officer I – the Sheriff's Dept. needs to open a vacancy for a woman only. New description includes the ADA language regarding physical requirements, etc. They just did some general updates.

#### **Board Comments:**

- Would be good to have as consent items with staff delegation.
- Thinks the staff should be able to identify what needs to be done.
- Maybe just keep board informed during department reports/emerging issues.

- 10b) Human Resources Vacancy Review (Mary Booher or Rita Sherman) - Presentation by Mary Booher regarding current County vacancies.

**Action:** None.

#### **Mary Booher:**

- She's updated the job description list (handed out).
- Her new list shows savings due to not filling vacancies, etc. offset by cost to fill the vacancy.
- She went over vacancies in each department.
- See handout for specific positions and salaries, savings, etc.

#### **Board Comments:**

- Feels these updates are extremely beneficial and will save everyone time at mid-year budget time.
- With probationary time period (for Sheriff's Dept., for example) – it is a good



tool but it seems to be putting a tremendous amount of strain on existing staff.

**Additional Departments: Social Services**

- 10c) Senior Services Contract with IMAAA (Mary Booher) - Proposed contract with Inyo Mono Area Agency on Aging (IMAAA), pertaining to Senior Services for fiscal year 2009-10.

**PULLED Action: ITEM PULLED FROM AGENDA.**

**Mary Booher:**

- Need to fine tune language in agreement, maybe until April 2010.

**Ed Zylman:**

- The more they get into this program, the more complicated it is as far as claiming dollar amounts from the State.
- Doesn't feel current language truly reflects what they do.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- 11a) State Budget (Board Members) - The Board of Supervisors may discuss issues pertaining to the California State budget.

**Action:** None.

- 11b) Supervisor District 4 (Board Members) - Monthly report by Board of Supervisors pertaining to issues in Supervisor District 4. Update on the Governor's appointment to fill the supervisor vacancy in District 4.

**Action:** None.

- 11c) Board of Supervisors' 2010 Evening Meeting Schedule (Board Members) - Review the 2010 evening meeting schedule.

**Action:** None.

**Board Comments:**

- There was some discussion about how far ahead to plan the evening meetings.
- Location for April will be Walker, CA.
- Lynda will bring back in a couple months to schedule the later part of the year.

**URGENCY  
ITEM**

**Letter of Support for Digital 395 Project**

- M10-33 ACTION:** Move that the Board determine that there is a need to take immediate action with respect to the proposed item, that the need for action came to the County's attention subsequent to the agenda being

posted and therefore, that the Board add the item to the agenda.  
**Farnetti/Bauer, 3-0**

**M10-34**      **ACTION:** Move that the Board approve a letter of support for the Digital 395 Project that addresses the Board's concerns and County's goals.  
**Hazard/Bauer, 3-0**

**Discussion of Proposed Letter:**

- Letter saying we support digital 395 projects (both of them)
- Add paragraph regarding our county's current experience with JPAs.
- Lynda to make changes to draft letter (working with Dave Wilbrecht and Supervisor Hazard) so that it can be sent out.

ADJOURNMENT 11:44 a.m.

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**DUANE "HAP" HAZARD**  
Vice-Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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**SHANNON KENDALL**  
Sr. Deputy Clerk of the Board

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